

ÉCOLE DICKINSFIELD
SCHOOL COUNCIL
December 1, 2016

Present:	Michelle Preville-Hall Paul Smith Luana Jorgenson Donahue	Melissa Manolescu Erin Keca	Maryse Lessard Thomas Andrews
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1. 2. 3. Call To Order, Introductions, Agenda, and Minutes:

- a. Call to Order: 6:39pm
- b. Agenda:
 - Motion: **To accept agenda.**
 - Moved and seconded. *Maryse and Michelle*
 - Motion: **To accept Minutes from November 3, 2016**
 - Moved and Seconded: *Maryse and Luana*

4. Standing Items

- a. Health and Wellness/Apple School Update

- [Deferred](#)
- [Thomas – attending a conference at the end of January.](#)

- b. Leader In Me

- Paul discussed what it means to be proactive; take charge or responsibility for your life and not blaming others for negative things going on. The leader in me program has a book written for kids in kids language to help them understand the 7 habits of highly effective people.

5.a.b.c.d. Presentation of School Growth Plan

- Paul presented the School Growth Plan. This is a document put together by school administration from data collected from parents, staff and students. Ecole Dickinsfield was high in lots of criteria, however low in PAT test results. This is due to the wildfire evacuation in May. Fort McMurray students were exempt from writing so not all students wrote the tests. The review also showed a lack of parents completing the survey required by Alberta Education. The survey is only sent to parents of Grade 4 students, not the whole school.
- Key suggestions for continued improvement include consistent communication with parents, i.e. updated website. The paper calendar that School and Parent council put out for the 2015/16 school year was appreciated, something like that again would be good.
- To build resiliency in our students, our school counsellor, mentors and family liaison workers have strategies in place to help students cope with trauma. It was suggested that the school counsellor put together a brief synopsis of what they are seeing in kids and how they are preparing for the future (spring time/fire season).

6 Reports

a. Principal

- FMPSD received a donation from Samsung; from this, Dickinsfield received 25 Samsung Galaxy View tablets. It works out to 1 per classroom for our school.
- Coding is becoming bigger at our school. Grades 4-6 participate in entry level coding through tynker.com. Mr. Siad from District Office is coming to our school to do 5 week sessions with students in Grades 5 and 6. It's a little more advanced from tynker.com; students will learn to build computer programs.
- Along with all this technology, students in Grades 3-6 will participate in Hour of Code. This is a worldwide event where numerous students around the world code at the same time.

b. Parent Association

- [No report available.](#)
- Card Art fundraiser was a success.

c. Bullying [Presentations](#)

- [Paul – RCMP have given a cyber-bullying presentation to grade 6, costs for bringing a presenter to Fort McMurray must be considered , all program suggestions must be approved at the district level](#)
- Administration to review bullying protocol with students, staff, substitute teachers. Make sure everyone is on the same page.
- Michelle to inquire about a community presentation on bullying; possibly do a parent information session at a School Council meeting in the near future.

Meeting Adjourned 8:35pm

Meeting Dates:

January 19th, 2017 – 6:30pm

February 16th, 2017 – 6:30pm

March 16th, 2017 – 6:30pm

May 18th, 2017 – 6:30pm

June 15th, 2017 – 6:30pm